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**BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY**

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# Internships

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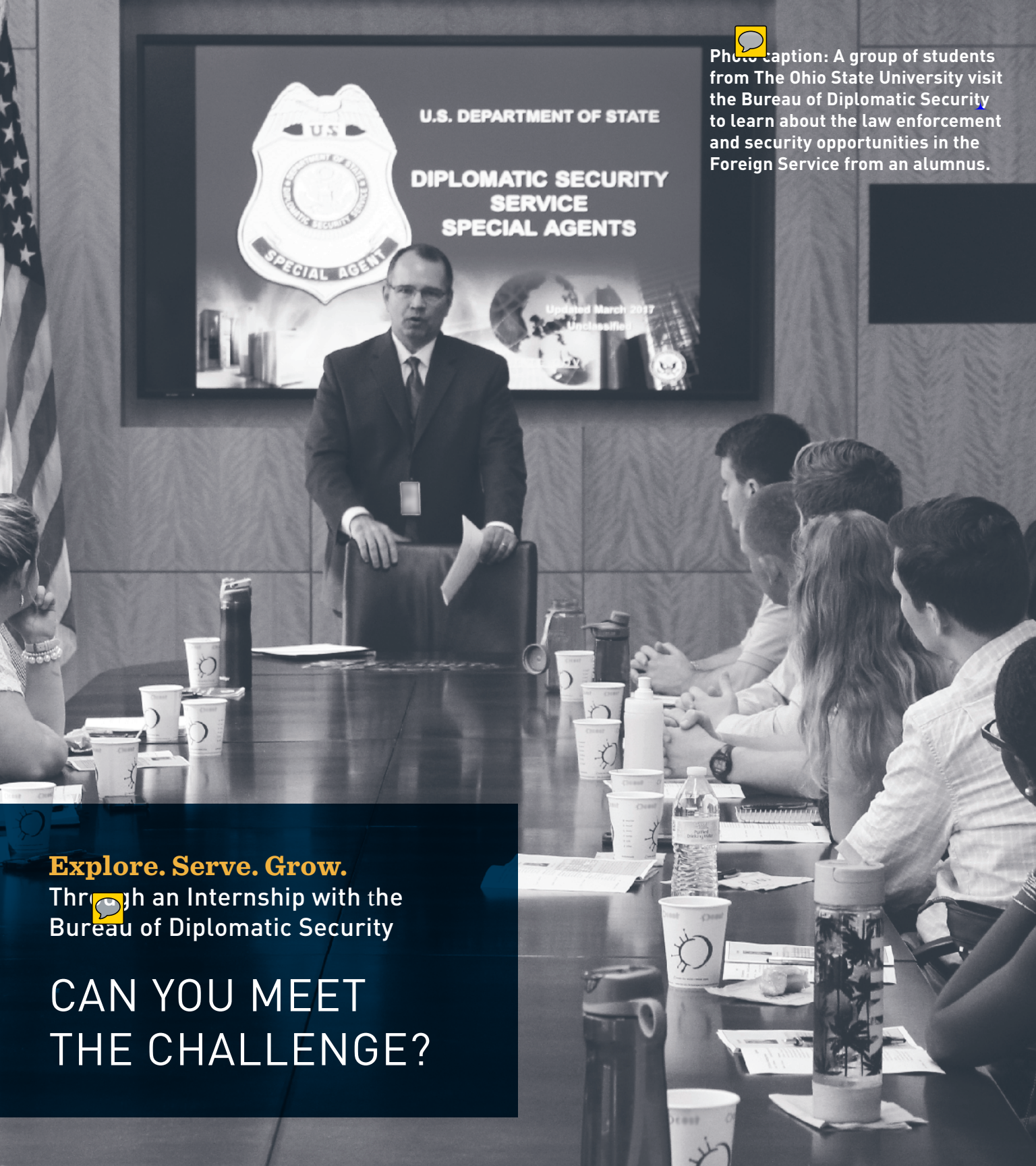


Photo caption: A group of students from The Ohio State University visit the Bureau of Diplomatic Security to learn about the law enforcement and security opportunities in the Foreign Service from an alumnus.

**Explore. Serve. Grow.**

Through an Internship with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security

**CAN YOU MEET  
THE CHALLENGE?**






## SERVING MY COUNTRY + DIPLOMACY = FUTURE SUCCESS

The Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) — the law enforcement and security arm of the U.S. Department of State — provides a safe and secure environment for the conduct of U.S. foreign policy. DS personnel protect people, property, and information — to help secure global diplomacy in over 270 U.S. diplomatic missions worldwide.

DS is a leader in discovering and mitigating terrorist threats to American lives and facilities, mounting international investigations, and generating innovations in cyber security and physical security engineering.

Interns with the U.S. Department of State review special protective equipment used by Diplomatic Security Special Agents.

Members of the DS team are a diverse group of individuals from all cultures, races, religions, and backgrounds. They  adaptable, strategic thinkers who can handle complex and challenging careers. Some have prior military, law enforcement, or security experience, while others have varied backgrounds that include law, engineering, business, teaching, and other disciplines. Diplomatic Security seeks students from all academic backgrounds for the DS internship programs.

## WHAT A DS INTERNSHIP OFFERS YOU...

You will work closely with representatives of the U.S. Department of State's Foreign and Civil Services — among them, Diplomatic Security Special Agents, Security Engineering Officers, Security Technical Specialists, and Diplomatic Couriers. Our internship program is both professionally and academically beneficial, providing hands-on experience and insight into the law enforcement and security side of U.S. foreign policy.

## CAN YOU MEET THE CHALLENGE?

U.S. Department of State Unpaid Student Internships are offered for 10 weeks, full time (minimum of 32 hours/week) during the fall, spring, and summer semesters in the Washington, D.C. area, and at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas. To qualify, you must:

- ★ Be a U.S. citizen of at least 16 years of age.
- ★ Be a rising junior, senior, or graduate student pursuing a baccalaureate or graduate degree.
- ★ Have a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- ★ Have 60 credit hours from an accredited university by the internship start date.
- ★ Be enrolled in the semester prior to and following your internship.
- ★ Be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance.

Historically, applications are due in mid-October for summer internships, March 1 for fall internships, and July 1 for spring internships. For more information and to check specific application deadlines, visit [careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships](https://careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships).



I learned what it took to protect our nation's most high profile diplomats as they travel around the world conducting U.S. foreign policy. The experience and insight in diplomacy and law enforcement tactics, techniques, and procedures that I gained were invaluable.

—Christopher, Special Agent,  
Diplomatic Security Service







**Interns with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security assist the Operations Coordination Office of the U.S. Secretary of State's Protective Detail.**

## HOW TO APPLY...

Please visit [careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships](https://careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships) and click the link, "How to Apply." You will be prompted to create an Applicant Profile and resume on USAJOBS. You are required to:

- ★ Build and submit a USAJOBS formatted resume.
- ★ Include a well-written Statement of Interest.\*
- ★ Select "Bureau of Diplomatic Security" and one other bureau.
- ★ If applicable, specify a country, post, or office.
- ★ Upload a copy of your official or unofficial transcript.

If you are interested in interning at overseas posts or branch offices outside of the Washington, D.C., area, you must first indicate the bureau with responsibility over the geographical location, and then the country or post.



## DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE...

\*A short Statement of Interest (maximum 2,500 characters, spaces included). **This is a very important part of your application.** Make sure that your statement is concise and includes the following information:

- ★ Any academic or personal area of interest, foreign languages, or other skill sets that make you particularly useful to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, as well as other bureau's, offices, or posts.
- ★ Information about any specific disadvantages you may have overcome or relevant unique experience.



**Interns with the U.S. Department of State observe an emergency evacuation drill at a mock diplomatic mission.**



“Surrounded by DS Special Agents as an intern, I knew that DS would provide significant responsibility right out of the gate. Nothing could have prepared me better for a career in the Foreign Service.”

—Marcus, Special Agent,  
Diplomatic Security Service



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